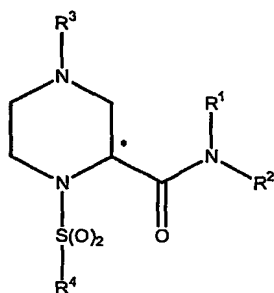


What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating infertility in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal suspected of infertility a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



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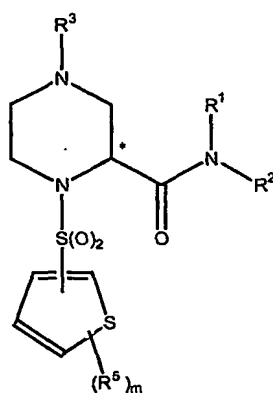
wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl aryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl aryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl heteroaryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl carboxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acylamino, acylamino,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl ureido,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl carbamate,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl ammonium,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfinyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfanyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonylamino, or  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aminosulfonyl;

$R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{16}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{16}$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{16}$ -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl

chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl carboxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ureido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl carbamate, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ammonium, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfanyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonylamino, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aminosulfonyl; R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, or amino; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

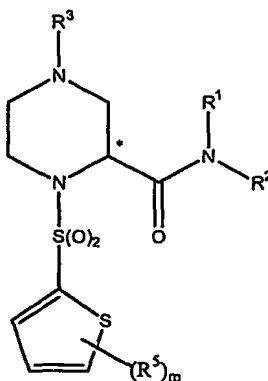
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R<sup>1</sup> is H.
3. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R<sup>2</sup> is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.
4. A method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R<sup>4</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, amino, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

5. A method of treatment according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as  $R^1$  is H;  $R^2$  is aryl;  $R^3$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -acyl amino and  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl acyl and  $R^4$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl, amino, aryl and heteroaryl.
6. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the compound has the following Formula II:

**II**

wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are the same as defined above in Formula I; each  $R^5$  is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for  $R^1$ ;  $m$  is an integer of from 0 to 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

7. A method of claim 1 wherein the compound has the following Formula III:

**III**

wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are each the same as defined above in Formula I; each  $R^5$  is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for  $R^1$ ;  $m$  is an integer of from 0 to 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen and  $R^2$  is other than hydrogen.
9. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein  $R^2$  is aryl or heteroaryl.
10. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein  $R^3$  is alkyl having five or more carbon atoms.
11. A method of claim 10 wherein  $R^3$  is an n-alkyl group.
12. A method of claim 1 wherein  $R^4$  is optionally substituted alkyl, aryl heteroaryl.
13. A method of any one of claims 1 through 12 wherein  $R^2$  comprises a carbazolyl, tetrahydro-beta-carbolinyl or benzimidazolyl moiety.
14. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the compound of formula I is selected from the following group:
  - 4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridinyl-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;
  - 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide]-1-pentylamide;
  - 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-ethylamide 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide];
  - {[3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)carbamoyl]-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-carbonyl]-amino}acetic acid ethyl ester;
  - 4-pentanoyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-dimethylsulfamoyl-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-pentylamide 3-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide];

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-amide];

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)-amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-amide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide];

4-pentyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

4-(4-ethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbonyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl] acetic acid ethyl ester;

1-benzenesulfonyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-pentyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-hexyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

1-(4-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 1-(2-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 1-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide];  
 4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15. A method for treatment of a subject suffering from or susceptible to a disease or disorder associated with phosphodiesterase PDE4, adenosine transporters, or prostanoid receptors, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 14.

16. A method of any one of claims 1 through 15 wherein the mammal is a human.

17. A method of any one of claims 1 through 16 wherein the mammal is a female.

18. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is suffering from an ovulatory

disorder.

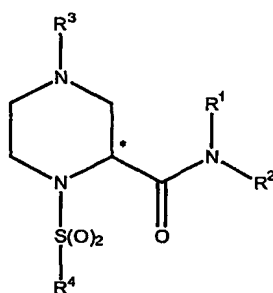
19. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is being treated with an assisted reproduction procedure.

20. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is undergoing in-vitro fertilization.

21. A method of any one of claims 1 through 16 wherein the mammal is a male.

22. A method of any one of claims 21 wherein the mammal is a male suffering from a spermatogenesis disorder.

23. A compound according to Formula I :



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wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is H;

$\text{R}^2$  is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl;

$\text{R}^3$  is selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkenyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkynyl, monocyclic aryl, monocyclic heteroaryl, 3-8-membered monocyclic cycloalkyl, monocyclic heterocycloalkyl, acyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl aryl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl heteroaryl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkenyl aryl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkenyl heteroaryl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkynyl aryl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkynyl heteroaryl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl cycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl heterocycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkenyl cycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkynyl cycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl carboxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl acyloxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl alkoxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl aminocarbonyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{16}$ -alkyl

acylamino, acylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfanyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ureido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl carbamate, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl amino and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ammonium;

R<sup>4</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and amino; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

24. A compound according to claim 23 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

25. A compound according to claims 23 or 24, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl amino, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

26. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 25, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl; R<sup>3</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-acyl amino and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl acyl and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, amino, aryl and heteroaryl.

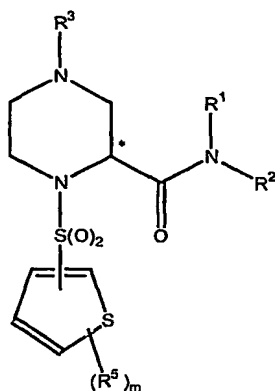
27. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 26, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is fused phenyl

28. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 27, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is thienyl

29. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 28 having the following Formula II:



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wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl aryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl aryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl heteroaryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl carboxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl acylamino, acylamino,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl ureido,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl carbamate,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl ammonium,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfinyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfanyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl sulfonylamino, or  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl aminosulfonyl;

$R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{16}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{16}$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{16}$ -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused

with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl carboxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ureido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl carbamate, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl ammonium, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfanyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl sulfonylamino, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>-alkyl aminosulfonyl;

R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group;

R<sup>5</sup> is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for R<sup>1</sup>; m is an integer of from 0 to 4.

30. A compound according to any of the claims 23 to 29 wherein R<sup>2</sup> comprises a carbazolyl, tetrahydro-beta-carbolinyl or a benzimidazolyl moiety.

31. A compound according to any of the claims 23 to 30 that is selected from the following group:

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridinyl-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-amide);

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide]-1-pentylamide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-ethylamide 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide];

{[3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbamoyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-carbonyl]-amino}acetic acid ethyl ester;

4-pentanoyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-dimethylsulfamoyl-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-pentylamide 3-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide];

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-amide];

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)-amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide];

4-pentyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

4-(4-ethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbamoyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-yl] acetic acid ethyl ester;

1-benzenesulfonyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-pentyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-hexyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
1-(4-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
1-(2-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
1-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;  
4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide];  
4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide.

32. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 31 for use as a medicament.

33. Use of a compound of any one of claim 1 through 31 for preparation of a medicament to treat infertility.

34. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier

and one or more compounds of any one of claims 1 through 31.

35. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 34 wherein the compound is packaged together with instructions for use of the compound to treat infertility.